

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Terry W. SCHMIDT, Anthony MANNINO, and Gary NOLAND  
Title: **MISSION MODULE SHIP DESIGN**  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

July 23, 2009

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Notice of Allowability in this case mailed June 11, 2009, the Applicants' attorney, comments as follows. The Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for allowing the claims. But the Applicants' attorney does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and respectfully submit that the claims may be allowable for other reasons.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fees submitted, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Kevin D. Jablonski, at (425) 455-5575.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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